

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - 9th Avenue Safety Reconstruction - L Street to Latouche Street

State Funding Requested: \$ 4,500,000**House District: 23 - L**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This project will construct safety and pavement rehabilitation improvements.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$9,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds			\$4,500,000	09		
Total			\$4,500,000			

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project has been identified as one of the highest priorities for the municipality of Anchorage. This project will construct safety and pavement rehabilitation improvements to a major Anchorage arterial street. Improvements will include new traffic signals, traffic channelization, illumination improvements, ADA improvements, as well as pedestrian upgrades.

The municipality of Anchorage has identified traffic and pedestrian safety issues on this arterial street. Additionally, pavement conditions have deteriorated to the point where maintenance is not cost effective.

Project Timeline:

Project will occur in FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****Highest Priority Transportation Projects****PROJECT NAME:** 9TH AVE SAFETY AND RECONSTRUCTION - L ST TO LATOUCHE ST**PROJECT TYPE:** Road and Drainage Rehab**GRANT REQUEST:** \$9,000,000**PRIORITY:** 5**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project will construct safety and pavement rehabilitation improvements to an arterial street. Improvements are expected to include new traffic signals, traffic channelization, street illumination, ADA improvements, pedestrian upgrades, and landscaping. Portions of the route will be reconfigured to 3-lanes to allow for improved safety and enhanced pedestrian and landscaping facilities. Design, easement acquisition, and utility phases have been funded. Local bonds totaling \$5 million have been allocated to this project. This grant will fully fund the project for a 2009 construction start.

COMMENTS:

Design is underway.

JUSTIFICATION:

Traffic and pedestrian safety issues have been identified on this arterial street. Additionally, pavement conditions have deteriorated to the point where maintenance is not cost effective. The traffic signal detection loops are also deteriorated and the signal system is at the end of its design life.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	9,000
Project Total	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	9,000

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 23-Downtown/Rogers Park**Community Council(s):** Downtown, Fairview

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April, 4, 2008

Representative Kevin Meyer
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Representative Meyer:

Re: Additional Local Bond Match

This is a follow-up to our discussions on the possibility of an additional local bond match on four projects in the Municipality's 2008 Legislative Program. All of these projects are in our highest priority category and over \$10 million has already been allocated to the projects through voter approved road bonds. Design is well underway and construction could start in 2009 if funding is provided. Fully funding the projects would have clear economic and traffic safety benefits to Anchorage in 2009.

The requested 2008 state grants would complete funding for each of these projects. The Municipality supports the concept of a 50/50 partnership in the construction funding of the projects. If the legislature provides half the requested grants on all four projects, we commit to pursuing the balance in our 2009 road bond. The projects affected and the amended grant amounts are summarized below:

	Project	State Grant	Local Bond	Total
#3	Spenard Rd Safety Upgrades	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$7,000,000
#5	9 th Ave Safety and Reconstruction	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$9,000,000
#9	Edward St Safety Upgrade	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$7,000,000
#10	Independence Dr Reconstruction	\$3,250,000	\$3,250,000	\$6,500,000

Thank you very much for your interest in funding priority transportation projects in Anchorage. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this funding partnership.

Sincerely,

Jim Lamson
Capital Project Development Manager

cc: Senator Hollis French, Senator Johnny Ellis, Senator Bill Wielechowski, Senator John Cowdery, Representative Mike Doogan, Representative Les Gara, Representative Bob Roses, David Ramseur, Mike Abbott,